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PERSONAL NOTES.

AMERICA.

University of California.—Dr. Kendric Charles Babcock has been appointed Assistant Professor of History and Political Science at the University of California. He was born September 8, 1864, at South Brookfield, N. Y., where he received his early education in the public schools. His college training was at the University of Minnesota, where he gained the degree of B. L., in 1889. After a year as fellow in history in that institution, he became in 1890 Instructor in History and Old English. The latter subject was dropped from his functions in 1893. In the following year he went to Harvard University for graduate study, receiving the degree of A. M., in 1895, and Ph.D., in 1896. In the same year he was appointed Instructor in History and Political Science at the University of California. Dr. Babcock has written:

"The Scandinavian in the Northwest." Forum, September, 1892.

"The Scandinavian Contingent." Atlantic Monthly, May, 1896.

Dr. Thomas Walker Page has been appointed Assistant Professor of History and Economics at the University of California. He was born at Cobham, Va., December 4, 1866, and received his early instruction by tutors. He attended the Randolph-Macon College, and the University of Virginia, where he was recipient of the degrees of A. B., in 1885, and A. M., 1888. Mr. Page has pursued graduate studies at Oxford, Berlin and Leipzig, 1892-94, and received the degree of Ph. D. from the last named in 1896. During his stay abroad he spent much time in research in the Public Record Office of the British Museum. In 1897-98 he was Professor of History and Political Science at the Randolph-Macon College, and in the summer term of 1898, lectured upon Economic History at the University of Chicago.

Hampton Institute.—Mr. Charles Bartlett Dyke has been appointed Professor of Education and Economics in the Hampton Institute. He was born thirty years ago in Ohio, where he received his early education in the public schools. He attended the Leland Stanford Jr. University, where he received the degree of A. B. in 1897. He then became Professor of History at the State Normal School, Mankato, Minn., but took up graduate studies at Columbia University in the fall of 1899, receiving the degree of A. M. in 1899. He has written:

"*The Economic Aspects of Teachers' Salaries.*" Columbia University Series in Philosophy, Psychology and Education, Vol. 7, No. 2.

Ohio Wesleyan University.—Rev. James William Magruder has been appointed to the recently created Chair of Sociology in the Ohio Wesleyan University. Born at Marion, Ohio, in 1864, he was educated in the public schools and the Ohio Wesleyan University. Graduating with the degree of A. B. in 1885, he entered upon theological studies and completed the course of the Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, N. J., in 1887. After pursuing graduate studies in divinity at Cambridge, England, he entered the active work of the ministry. His most important charges were the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church of Cincinnati, 1892-97, and the St. Paul M. E. Church at Springfield, Ohio, 1897-99. A description of his somewhat unique work in the former field is found in the *Methodist Review* under the title: "The Open Church and the Closed Church." Mr. Magruder has contributed a large number of signed articles to the weekly religious press, notably the *Western Christian Advocate*.

Pennsylvania State College.—Mr. Carl Lotus Becker has been appointed Instructor in Political Science and History at the Pennsylvania State College. He was born in Iowa, September 7, 1873, attended Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and the University of Wisconsin, where he gained the degree of B. L. in 1896. He has subsequently pursued graduate study at Wisconsin and at Columbia University, where in the year 1898-99 he held a fellowship in constitutional law. He has published:

"*The Unit Rule in National Nominating Conventions.*" *American Historical Review*, October, 1899.

Vanderbilt University.—Mr. Gustavus Walker Dyer has been appointed Instructor in Economics and History and Lecturer on Sociology at Vanderbilt University. He was born February 10, 1867, in Henry County, Virginia, attended the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and the Randolph-Macon College. Here he received the degree of A. B. in 1891. In 1894 he received the degree of A. M. at Vanderbilt University, and he has spent the years of 1896 and 1898-99 in graduate study at the University of Chicago.

University of Wisconsin.—Dr. Thomas Klingenberg Urdahl has been appointed Assistant in Economics and Statistics at the University of Wisconsin. He was born May 22, 1869, at Madison, Wis., where he attended the public schools and the University of Wisconsin. He gained the degree of B. L. in 1891 and M. L. in 1892. In the year 1893 he became Instructor in Latin, German and Mathematics at the Menomonie (Wis.) High School. In 1895 he took up graduate studies

at the University of Pennsylvania, which he continued at the University of Wisconsin, where he received in 1897 the degree of Ph. D. The years 1898-99 he spent in further studies at the University of Berlin, and in historical research in Berlin and Christiania. Dr. Urdahl's publications include:

"*The Fee System in the United States.*" (Vol. xii. Transactions of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters), 1898. Pp. 205.

"*Relation of the Colonial Fee Systems to Political Liberty.*" ANNALS, July, 1898.

"*Progress of Socialism Since 1893.*" (Jointly with Prof. R. T. Ely in the "Chautauquan," 1899. October, et seq.